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Ms. Dolores Brown  
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Re: Notice of Preparation for Monterey Agreement EIR

Dear Ms. Brown:

As you are undoubtedly aware, the Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter has been pro-active in its efforts to ensure accurate water reporting in the high growth regions of Los Angeles and Orange Counties. We have litigated on the issue of properly reporting water supplies in Environmental Impact Reports, at the Public Utilities Commission and in Urban Water Management Plans. We are therefore pleased with this opportunity to correct a large portion of the information that has been a source for over-stating water supplies in these various documents. We request that we receive all environmental documents and notification on this process. We are also pleased that the DWR will be the lead agency since this is a project of statewide concern.

We request that you address the following issues:

- the growth-inducing impacts and the conversely linked issue of loss of farm land
- the potential privatization and control, hoarding and manipulation of water resources that may result from the Kern Fan water bank being 48% privately held
- Proper reporting of state water supply and reliability
- An analysis of articles 18(a) and 18(b)

Thank-you for your time. We look forward to participating in this process.

Sincerely,  
  
**GORDON LABEDZ, M.D.**  
Chair  
Conservation Committee

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